

HIGHER RATES.

INSURANCE COMPANIES WILL
ADVANCE THE FIRE
RATE IT IS SAID.

There is a possibility that the fire insurance rates for Kentucky and neighboring states may be advanced on account of the large number of fires during the past month, says yesterday's Louisville Times.

Mr. W. C. Nelson, the secretary of the Kentucky and Tennessee board, said that for the present the board would take no action. If the large fires throughout this and neighboring states continued, he said, the board would take an advance of rates under consideration.

Mr. Nelson said that, in his opinion, the rates should be higher, as for the past three years the fire losses in Kentucky and Tennessee had been so heavy that almost every company doing business in these states had been a heavy loser.

POOR GERMANY.

AMERICANS CAPTURE CON-
TRACTS IN CALCUTTA, IN
HOLLAND AND IN THE
DUTCH COLONIES.

Washington, March 21.—In a report to the state department, Consul General Guenther at Frankfurt, Germany, submits a recent publication in which the Frankfurt Chamber of Commerce calls attention to the growing American competition in the markets of the world. The publication says that the harbor authorities of Calcutta advertised for bids on locomotives. The lowest English bid was \$7,349 for each one, the time of delivery to be limited to nine months. The lowest American bid was \$5,998, the time of delivery to be limited to six months. The American firm received the contract. A recent contract for furnishing a large quantity of cast iron pipes for the Dutch colonies was awarded to an American firm, which bid nearly 25 per cent lower than German competitors. Large orders for rails recently were placed in America from Holland. The English government has been obliged to give the Americans preference over their own works on account of the extremely low prices and quick time of delivery. The consul general says American competition will be greatly felt, especially in the Chinese market, after hostilities cease.

ELEVATOR SUSPENDS.

UNCLE SAM WILL RUN HIS
ELECTRIC CAR ONLY
DURING COURT.

An order was today received from the treasury department at Washington discontinuing the elevator at the government building except during the terms of United States court.

This is because of the over-drawing of appropriation. The elevator has been running for nearly a year, and from a record kept it has cost the government about ten cents for every passenger outside of the officials hauled in it.

Since the removal of the stamp deputy's office from the government building the expense was not deemed justified.

TO BE CHANGED.

London, March 22.—In the house of lords today Lord Salisbury's motion to appoint a joint committee to revise the king's anti-Roman Catholic accession oath was adopted.

In the house of commons today Mr. Balfour, the government leader, replying to a question on the subject, said a special ambassador had not been sent to the Pope, but that the death of Queen Victoria and the accession of King Edward would be notified to the Pope in a letter.

Mr. Dan E. O'Sullivan, a well known Louisville newspaper man, formerly editor of the Critic, has announced that Sunday week he will begin the publication of the "Free Lance." He says it will be Democratic in politics.

NO SCARE.

NOT A PUPIL REMAINED OUT OF
SCHOOL—PROF. HATFIELD'S
IMPROVEMENT.

Supt. Hatfield is very much gratified with the results of a discovery of smallpox in Huntington Row. After the discovery it was learned that some of the children at the infected house had been attending Jefferson school. The vaccination certificates were examined and all pupils not having a certificate of satisfactory vaccination were required to be vaccinated again. All the pupils remained in school, not a one remaining out on account of the smallpox discovery.

Supt. Hatfield is putting into practice an excellent plan for improving the method of teaching among teachers of the grammar schools, and for arousing enthusiasm among the pupils. He teaches a class in the grammar school himself nearly every day, and finds that good results along the above line follow. There are 44 classes of the grammar grades.

WOOLEN MILLS.

DEED TO THE RECENT BIG PUR-
CHASE FILED.

A deed has been filed for record in the county clerk's office, whereby the Old Kentucky Woollen Mills company transfers its plant on Story avenue, Louisville, to the Mayfield Woollen Mills. The property was purchased from the Old Kentucky Woollen Mills company a short time ago by George W. Tarlton for \$44,500 cash. Before a deed was made to him, however, he sold the property to the Mayfield Woollen Mills for \$47,500, one-third cash, the remainder being payable in one and two years. Instead of moving the property first to Tarlton the Kentucky Woollen Mills company transferred it directly to the second purchaser.

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RECENT FIRE LOSSES WILL
CAUSE K. AND T. BOARD
TO ACT.

The Kentucky and Tennessee board of fire underwriters has decided to advance the rates for Kentucky, and a new schedule will in all probability be adopted at the next meeting, which will be held on April 8.

Secretary Nelson, of Louisville, of the Kentucky and Tennessee board, says that the fire insurance companies in Kentucky have been losing money for years, and that the recent large fires in the state have made it in a measure imperative that a schedule advancing the rates should be adopted.

SAW MIRAGE.

Paris, Ky., March 21.—Several persons living in the Centreville neighborhood claim to have witnessed a well-formed mirage in the western sky yesterday. It was described by those who saw it as being a perfect representation of a small village, a courthouse being plainly seen. It was surrounded by an open square. Other large buildings were easily discerned. The mirage attracted a great deal of attention, and the superstitious negroes of the vicinity saw in it a warning of the approaching end of the world. A colored revival in progress at the time was continued far into the night, as the worshippers firmly believed the mirage portended great events.

DEATH AT UNIONVILLE.

Miss Bertie Leeper, aged 25, of Unionville, Ill., died yesterday at her home there from consumption and the remains were buried today at Mt. Sterling cemetery.

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King Edward wants to have a world's fair of his own. Is he jealous of Paris, Buffalo and St. Louis?

MAYFIELD NOTES.

NEWS OF INTEREST FROM THE
SUN CORRESPONDENT.

Mayfield, March 21.—Circuit court still grinds on. "The Mills of the gods grind slowly but exceedingly fine." So it may be with this court, but we trust they will do their work well. Why not stop at least some of the joints in Mayfield for a few days? We can do without them. A number of indictments have been returned up to the present—perhaps 75.

The Monitor learns through a perfectly reliable source that Mr. Gus Coulter, of this city, at present auditor of the state, will be a candidate for governor on the Democratic ticket at the next regular election, November 1903. Mr. Coulter is an able man, one of the shrewdest politicians of the state, with a large following, and if he becomes a candidate there is a strong probability that he will secure the nomination.

Rev. B. Wrenn Webb, pastor of the C. P. church, has gone to Smith's Grove, near Bowling Green, Ky., to assist Rev. J. S. Grider, D. D., in a series of meetings.

Attorney M. B. Hollifield went to Frankfort yesterday morning on the 11:45 train in the interest of Yates, who was sentenced some days ago to a two year term in the "Pen." Mr. Hollifield was defendant in the case and with the tenacity of but few, he holds on to his client.

Mayfield will enjoy quite a treat on the night of April 5, by having Ex-Governor Bob Taylor in his new lecture on "Sentiment." Be sure and hear him.

Quite a sensation was forthcoming at the woollen mills yesterday, when it was generally known that one of the employees in the person of one Tom Lawrence, had been arrested for stealing wool from the mills. It is supposed the stealing has been going on for months. Lawrence was indicted by the grand jury on two accounts.

Rev. S. B. Rudolph, a student in West Kentucky college, has returned to school from a visit to his old home near Paducah. The college girls are "all smiles" now.

The Elks are preparing for a banquet on the evening of March 27, at the Hotel Southern. The program has not been yet made public. It promises to be the affair of the season.

Francis, the man who was cut in the difficulty yesterday at May Pants company's plant, is reported as doing nicely this morning, with every prospect of recovery.

Judge Robins, who has been on an extended trip south for several months, is expected home the last of the week. Judge Lee occupied the bench in his absence.

BEING REBUILT.

LINTON, TRIGG COUNTY, IS
RAPIDLY BEING RESTORED.

The little town of Linton, Trigg county, which was almost completely wiped out by fire recently, is being rapidly rebuilt, 50 or more workmen being employed.

A large factory is being rebuilt on the river bank by S. I. Spiceland, and J. B. Bartee, Mart McIntosh and Ben Davis are rebuilding their stores.

FRANCHISE TAXES.

Frankfort, Ky., March 22.—Attorney General Breckinridge yesterday filed suits in the state fiscal court against the Adams and American Express companies for franchise taxes for 1897, 1898 and 1899. The taxes sued for aggregate \$19,255, but penalties bringing the whole up to \$246,450 are claimed. The statute provides for a penalty of \$50 a day for nonpayment, but the courts have never imposed more than a nominal sum.

The petition is signed by Attorney General Breckinridge and also by John W. Roy and Hazelrigg and Chenault, associate counsel.

The British steamer Tay was sunk in collision at Antwerp during a storm and thirteen members of the crew perished.



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Observations

....at Random

The doctors like their joke, especially if it is on another member of the profession. The latest is on a popular member of the Paducah Medical and Surgical society. He came to Paducah from another town some time ago—and not so very long ago either—to practice medicine. When he left his native heath, there were four thriving drug stores and two busy undertakers doing business there. Since he left, two of the druggists and one of the undertakers have failed, and the others have written him in alarm "For God's sake come back." He is now said to be considering their request.

The other night Deputy Jailer Tom Evitts received a surprise party at the jail. The participants were fourteen or fifteen colored men who went there to "borrow" George Smith, the negro who brutally beat up a woman and left her for dead.

The delegation was not armed, and was very lamb-like in demeanor. A spokesman was sent in. Doffing his hat he bowed respectfully and began: "Mistah Evitts, Mistah Ev—"

"Well, what is it?" demanded the vigilant deputy.

"We jes' wants a leetle conversashun, Mistah Evitts. No ha'm, sah, no ha'm. Jes' want—jes' want, Mistah Tom, tow tek out dat Smif nig-gah fo' a sho't time."

"Oh, yes," responded the deputy, as he realized the object of the visit.

"You want me to turn Smith over to you?"

"Yes sah, boss, dat's it, but we jes' want 'im a sho't time. We'll brung 'im back sah!"

"You will?" asked the deputy.

"Where do you want to take him?"

"Oh, jes' out dah apiece. 'We'll foteh yo' de nig-gah back after we hab a spell o' di'version wid 'im," explained the spokesman, somewhat encouraged and emboldened by the deputy's smile of amusement.

"Well, you can't get him," decided the deputy. "I'd like to loan him to you boys for a little while, but you might misplace him somewhere out the street, and you know that wouldn't do!"

The delegation disappeared and the bunch of hickories is still unused.

Mr. Pete Thurmond, who recently fell dead on the streets of Tiptonville and who was the father of Sam Thurmond, of Fulton, was a gallant confederate of Bedford Forrest's noted scouts, says the Fulton Leader. It is related that on one occasion in Dyer county, he was taken prisoner and ordered to be shot, but the order read

that he should be carried to Friendship, then in Dyer county, but now in Crockett, and executed. Four trusted federals were commissioned to carry out the order. When in four miles of Friendship the party stopped to rest and sat on a log. One of the men had an old flint-rock pistol, which he tried in vain to discharge. Thurmond eyed him closely and after the guard failed to do anything with the weapon, asked the guard to let him show him how to work it. Without thinking, the guard passed it over. Quick as lightning Thurmond pulled the trigger and the man fell dead. In an instant another followed the same fate, when Thurmond broke through the bushes and made his escape followed by a red-hot fire from the muskets of the two remaining officers.

All through life he seemed to bear a charmed life. On another occasion he was driving a vicious bull out of a field, when the animal turned on him and he was compelled to protect himself behind a tall fence. The infuriated animal made one lunge at the obstruction, knocking Thurmond lifeless for many minutes and it was thought he would not recover. But he pulled through and afterwards moved to Dyersburg, where he served as town marshal for a number of years during the most turbulent years of its existence.

He had been shot and cut at more times, perhaps, than any other man in West Tennessee, but always managed to come out whole. He knew no such word as fear and was a holy terror to the saloon men who kept open on Sunday.

PETITION IN BANKRUPTCY.

EDWARD D. PEEPLES, OF
GRAVES, HAS ABOUT \$1,000
LIABILITIES.

Today in the United States court Edward D. Peoples, of Boaz, Graves county, filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy, with liabilities amounting to about \$1,000.

BEST RECORD IN KENTUCKY.

Sheriff Henry Bell, of Jefferson county, made the best record of any sheriff in Kentucky for tax collecting in 1900. He and his deputy collected 99.5 per cent of all the taxes due, the total amount on the books being \$609,000.

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